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## Harris and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz will debut as the 2024 Democratic ticket at a Philadelphia rally

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**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Vice President Kamala Harris picked Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz to be her running mate on Tuesday, turning to an affable longtime politician who Democrats hope can keep newfound party unity alive in a campaign barreling toward Election Day.

Harris said in a post on social media that Walz has "delivered for working families" as a governor, coach, teacher and veteran. Walz called it "the honor of a lifetime" to be Harris' vice presidential pick. The two will appear together at an evening rally.



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Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz speaks before President Joe Biden at Dutch Creek Farms, Nov. 1, 2023, in Northfield, Minn.

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In choosing the 60-year-old Walz, Harris is elevating a Midwestern governor, military veteran and union supporter who helped enact an ambitious Democratic agenda for his state, including sweeping protections for abortion rights and generous aid to families. It was her biggest decision yet as the Democratic nominee and she went with a broadly palatable choice — someone who says politics should have more joy and who deflects dark and foreboding rhetoric from Republicans with a lighter touch, a strategy that the campaign has been increasingly turning to since Harris took over the top spot.

"He's going to be a great vice president," Harris said while boarding Air Force Two. Walz is joining Harris on the ticket during one of the most turbulent periods in modern American politics. Republicans have rallied around former President Donald Trump after he was targeted in an attempted assassination in July. Just days later, President Joe Biden ended his reelection campaign, forcing Harris to scramble to unify Democrats and decide on a running mate over a breakneck two-week stretch. Harris hopes Walz will help her shore up her campaign's standing across the upper Midwest, a critical region in presidential politics that often serves as a buffer for Democrats seeking the White House. The party remains haunted by Trump's wins in Michigan and Wisconsin in 2016. Trump lost those states in 2020 but has zeroed in on them as he aims to return to the presidency this year and is expanding his focus to Minnesota.

Since Walz was announced,



**Minnesota Governor Tim Walz listens to Vice President Kamala Harris speak at Planned Parenthood, March 14, 2024, in St. Paul, Minn.**

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the team raised more than \$10 million from grassroots donations, the campaign said.

Walz is far from a household name. An ABC News/Ipsos survey conducted before he was selected but after vetting began showed that nearly 9 in 10 U.S. adults did not know enough to have an opinion about him.

Harris, the first Black woman and person of South Asian descent to lead a major party ticket, initially considered nearly a dozen candidates before zeroing in on a handful of serious contenders.

Trump has focused much of his campaign on appealing to men, emphasizing a need for strength in national leadership and even featuring the wrestler Hulk Hogan on the final night of the Republican National Convention. Harris' finalists — all white men — marked an acknowledgement of the Democrat's need to at least try to win over some of that demographic.

She personally interviewed three finalists: Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly and Walz. Harris wanted someone with executive experience who could be a governing part-

ner, and Walz also offered appeal to the widest swath of the diverse coalition.

His selection drew praise from lawmakers as ideologically diverse as progressive leader Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and independent Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, a moderate who left the Democratic Party earlier this year.

A team of lawyers and political operatives led by former Attorney General Eric Holder pored over documents and conducted interviews with potential selections.

Harris mulled the decision over on Monday with top aides and finalized it Tuesday morning, according to three people familiar with Harris' decision who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe private deliberations.

Shapiro, an ambitious politician in his own right, struggled with the idea of being No. 2 at the White House and said he felt he had more to do in Pennsylvania, according to one of the people familiar with Harris' decision. There was also public pushback to Shapiro for his stance on Israel from Arab American groups and younger voters angry over the administra-

tion's response to the Israel-Hamas war.

The other contenders threw their support behind the ticket Tuesday, as did Biden, who said the pair was "a powerful voice for working people and America's great middle class."

Walz has made a name for himself in recent weeks by coining one of Democrats' buzziest campaign bits to date, calling Trump and Vance "just weird," a label that the Democratic Governors Association — of which Walz is chairman — amplified in a post on X and Democrats more broadly have echoed.

During a fundraiser for Harris on Monday in Minneapolis, Walz said: "It wasn't a slur to call these guys weird. It was an observation."

Harris, second gentleman Doug Emhoff and Walz are set to appear together for an evening rally in Philadelphia. They will spend the next five days touring critical battleground states, visiting Wisconsin and Michigan on Wednesday and Arizona and Nevada later in the week.

Vance, for his part, planned stops in some of the same areas. He said Tuesday that he called Walz earlier in the day and left a voice message. Putting Walz on the ticket could help Democrats hold Minnesota's 10 electoral votes and bolster the party more broadly in the Midwest. No Republican has won a statewide race in Minnesota since Tim Pawlenty was reelected governor in 2006, but GOP candidates for attorney general and state auditor came close in 2022.

Biden carried Minnesota over Trump by more than 7 points in 2020. The Trump campaign on Tuesday immediately tried to tag Walz as a far-left liberal.

"It's no surprise that San Francisco Liberal Kamala Harris wants West Coast wannabe Tim Walz as her running-mate — Walz has spent his governorship trying to reshape Minnesota in the image of the Golden State," said Karoline Leavitt, Trump's campaign press secretary. "Walz is obsessed with spreading California's dangerously liberal agenda far and wide."

Walz, who grew up in the small town of West Point, Nebraska, was a social studies teacher, football coach and union member at Mankato West High School in Minnesota before entering politics. "Growing up, I learned to be generous toward my neighbors, compromise without compromising my values, and to work for the common good," Walz said in a post on X that accompanied a campaign video. "@kamalaharris and I both believe in that common good — in that fundamental promise of America. We're ready to fight for it. And like she says: when we fight, we win."

He won the first of six terms in Congress in 2006 from a mostly rural southern Minnesota district and used the office to champion veterans issues. Walz served 24 years in the Army National Guard, rising to command sergeant major, one of the highest enlisted ranks in the military, although he didn't complete all the training before he retired so his rank for benefits purposes was set at master sergeant.

He ran for governor in 2018 on the theme of "One Minnesota" and won by more than 11 points.

David Ivory, a 46-year-old St. Paul resident, hopped on his bike with his kids Tuesday and rode over to Walz's residence to deliver their congratulations. □



# Energy Department awards \$2.2B to strengthen the electrical grid and add clean power

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT  
Associated Press

The Department of Energy on Tuesday announced \$2.2 billion in funding for eight projects across 18 states to strengthen the electrical grid against increasing extreme weather, advance the transition to cleaner electricity and meet a growing demand for power.

The money will help build more than 600 miles of new transmission lines and upgrade about 400 miles of existing lines so that they can carry more current.

Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said the funding is important because extreme weather events fueled by climate change are increasing, damaging towers and bringing down wires, causing power outages.

Hurricane Beryl made landfall in Texas on July 8 and knocked out power to nearly 3 million people, for example. Officials have said at least a dozen Houston area residents died from complications related to the heat and losing power.

The investments will provide more reliable, affordable electricity for 56 million homes and businesses, according to the DOE. Granholm said the funds are the single largest direct investment ever in the nation's grid.

"They'll help us to meet the needs of electrified homes and businesses and new manufacturing facilities and all of these growing data centers that are placing demands on the grid," Granholm said in a press call to announce the funding.

It's the second round of awards through a \$10.5 billion DOE program called Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships. It was funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021. More projects will be announced this fall.

Among the ones in this round, more than 100 miles of transmission line in California will be upgraded so that new renewable

energy can be added quickly and as a response to a growing demand for electricity. A project in New England will upgrade onshore connection points for electricity generated by wind turbines offshore, allowing 4,800 megawatts of wind energy to be added, enough to power about 2 million homes.

The Montana Department of Commerce will get \$700 million. Most of that will go toward building a 415-mile, high-voltage, direct current transmission line across Montana and North Dakota. The North Plains Connector will increase the ability to move electricity from east to west and vice versa, and help protect against extreme weather and power disruptions.

The Virginia Department of Energy will get \$85 million to employ clean electricity and clean backup power at two data centers, one in-state and one in South Carolina. The DOE chose this project because the data centers will be responsive to the grid in a new way: They could provide needed electricity to the local grid on a hot day, from batteries, or reduce their energy use in times of high demand. This could serve as a model for other data centers to reduce their impact on a local area, since they place such high demand on the grid, according to the department.

"These investments are certainly a step in the right direction and they are the right types of investments," said Max Luke, director of business development and regulatory affairs at VEIR, an early-stage Massachusetts company developing transmission lines capable of carrying five times the power of conventional ones.

"If you look at the scale of the challenge and the quantity of grid capacity needed for deep decarbonization and net zero, it's a drop in the bucket."

According to Princeton University's "Net-Zero America" research, the United



Central Maine Power transmission lines stretch above the treetops in Pownal, Maine, on Oct. 6, 2021.

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States will need to expand roughly 60% by 2030 and 2050. □  
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# Heatstroke death of Baltimore worker during trash collection prompts calls for workplace safety

By LEA SKENE

Associated Press

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Elected officials and union leaders in Baltimore are calling for safer and more humane working conditions for the city's public works employees after a man collapsed and died from heatstroke last week while collecting trash during hot summer weather. Critics say the recent death of Ronald Silver II, 36, is a tragic result of longstanding problems within the agency, including an abusive culture perpetuated by supervisors and a lack of concern for basic health and safety measures.

"These men and women are doing the jobs that none of us wishes to do. They're picking up trash," Baltimore City Councilmember and former public works employee Antonio Glover said during a news conference Tuesday morning outside City Hall. "And I'm here today to say that we can no longer treat our men and women like the very same thing they pick up — trash."

City officials had previously said that Silver died late Friday afternoon after experiencing "a medical situation that required immediate assistance while he and his fellow crew members were riding in their truck." Temperatures in the Baltimore area climbed to about 100



**Dorothy Bryant, the president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 44, center, holds a moment of silence for Ronald Silver II, a Baltimore City Department of Public Works employee who died from heat exhaustion while working, during a news conference demanding safe working conditions for municipal employees, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, in Baltimore. Associated Press**

degrees (38 C) on Friday, according to the National Weather Service.

On Monday, the Maryland Office of the Chief Medical Examiner attributed his death to hyperthermia, a condition that results from a person's body overheating. His death was ruled accidental.

Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott and Acting Department of Public Works Director Khalil Zaied said in a statement that their agencies were "working with the crew and medical professionals

who tended to Mr. Silver to understand the details of what occurred."

Local media outlets reported that Silver rang the doorbell of a northeast Baltimore resident late Friday afternoon asking for help. The person who answered the door called 911 on his behalf.

"He stopped breathing on my stoop," Gabby Avendano told The Baltimore Sun. She said Silver appeared disoriented and clinging to life by the time he reached her doorstep. He asked her

to pour water on him.

"Why no one, his coworkers, never called 911 if he was behaving like that just completely boggles my mind," she told the newspaper.

Department of Public Works spokesperson Mary Stewart declined to answer questions about the events leading up to Silver's death, including whether supervisors were notified about his condition earlier in the shift.

"Ronald Silver died serving the citizens of Baltimore," Councilmember Zeke Co-

hen said during the news conference. "He deserves to be remembered with reverence. And while we honor him, we must also be honest. He should still be alive today." Silver's death has prompted urgent questions about the health and safety of sanitation workers during hot summer weather, especially as record-shattering heat waves are becoming increasingly common across the globe.

Baltimore's public works agency has come under recent scrutiny for precisely that reason.

The city's inspector general released a report last month saying that some Department of Public Works employees didn't have adequate access to water, ice, air conditioning and fans to help them complete their trash cleanup routes during intense summer heat. Site visits revealed broken HVAC systems at multiple solid waste yards, according to the inspector general's office.

In response to those findings, agency leaders promised to address the issue by properly maintaining ice machines, repairing broken air-conditioners in their trash trucks, handing out Gatorade and giving employees an alternative to their traditional uniforms on hot days, among other changes. □



**Elon Musk arrives before a joint meeting of Congress at the Capitol in Washington, July 24, 2024.**

Associated Press

The Associated Press

**WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (AP)** — Elon Musk's social media platform X has sued a group of advertisers, alleging that a

"massive advertiser boycott" deprived the company of billions of dollars in revenue and violated antitrust laws. The company formerly

## Elon Musk's X sues advertisers over alleged 'massive advertiser boycott' after Twitter takeover

known as Twitter filed the lawsuit Tuesday in a federal court in Texas against the World Federation of Advertisers and member companies Unilever, Mars, CVS Health and Orsted.

It accused the advertising group's brand safety initiative, called the Global Alliance for Responsible Media, of helping to coordinate a pause in advertising after Musk bought Twitter for \$44 billion in late 2022 and overhauled its staff and policies. Musk posted about the lawsuit on X on Tuesday, saying "now it is war" after two years of being nice and "getting

nothing but empty words." X CEO Linda Yaccarino said in a video announcement that the lawsuit stemmed in part from evidence uncovered by the U.S. House Judiciary Committee which she said showed a "group of companies organized a systematic illegal boycott" against X.

The Republican-led committee had a hearing last month looking at whether current laws are "sufficient to deter anticompetitive collusion in online advertising."

The lawsuit's allegations center on the early days of Musk's Twitter takeover and

not a more recent dispute with advertisers that came a year later.

In November 2023, about a year after Musk bought the company, a number of advertisers began fleeing X over concerns about their ads showing up next to pro-Nazi content and hate speech on the site in general, with Musk inflaming tensions with his own posts endorsing an antisemitic conspiracy theory.

Musk later said those fleeing advertisers were engaging in "blackmail" and, using a profanity, essentially told them to go away. □



## Hamas names Yahya Sinwar, mastermind of the Oct. 7 attacks, as its new leader in show of defiance

By **BASSEM MROUE**

**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Hamas on Tuesday named Yahya Sinwar, its top official in Gaza who masterminded the Oct. 7 attacks in Israel, as its new leader in a dramatic sign of the power of the Palestinian militant group's hardline wing after his predecessor was killed in a presumed Israeli strike in Iran.

The selection of Sinwar, a secretive figure close to Iran who worked for years to build up Hamas' military strength, was a defiant signal that the group is prepared to keep fighting after 10 months of destruction from Israel's campaign in Gaza.

His selection is likely to provoke Israel, which has put him at the top of its kill list after the Oct. 7 attack, in which militants killed 1,200 people in southern Israel and took about 250 as hostages.

Hamas said in a statement it named Sinwar as the new head of its political bureau to replace Ismail Haniyeh, who was killed in Tehran last week in a blast Iran and Hamas blamed on Israel. Israel has not confirmed or denied responsibility. Also last week, Israel said it had confirmed the death of the head of Hamas' military wing, Mohammed Deif, in a



**Yahya Sinwar chairs a meeting with leaders of Palestinian factions at his office in Gaza City, April 13, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

July airstrike in Gaza. Hamas has not confirmed his death. In reaction to the appointment, Israeli military spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari told Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya television, "There is only one place for Yahya Sinwar, and it is beside Mohammed Deif and the rest of the October 7th terrorists. That is the only place we're preparing and intending for him." The two assassinations left Sinwar as the most prominent figure in Hamas. His selection signals that the leadership on the ground in Gaza particularly the

armed wing known as the Qassam Brigades has taken over from the leadership in exile, which has traditionally maintained the position of the overall leadership to navigate relations with foreign allies and diplomacy. Haniyeh, who had lived in self-imposed exile in Qatar since 2019, had played a direct role in negotiations over a cease-fire in Gaza through U.S., Qatari and Egyptian negotiators though he and other Hamas officials always ran proposals and positions by Sinwar.

Speaking to Al-Jazeera tele-

vision after the announcement, Hamas spokesman Osama Hamdan said Sinwar would continue the cease-fire negotiations.

"The problem in negotiations is not the change in Hamas," he said, blaming Israel and its ally the United States for the failure to seal a deal.

But he said Hamas "remains steadfast in the battlefield and in politics ... The person leading today is the one who led the fighting for more than 305 days and is still steadfast in the field."

As Hamas' leader inside

Gaza since 2017, Sinwar rarely appeared in public but kept an iron grip on Hamas' rule over the territory. Close to Deif and Qassam Brigades, he worked to build up the group's military capabilities.

He has been in deep hiding since the Oct. 7 attacks, which triggered Israel's campaign of bombardment and offensives aimed at destroying Hamas. The death toll among Palestinians is now nearing 40,000, most of the population of 2.3 million has been driven from their homes, and large swaths of Gaza's towns and cities have been destroyed. In May, prosecutors at the International Criminal Court sought an arrest warrant against Sinwar on charges of war crimes over the Oct. 7 attack, as well as against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israel's defense minister for war crimes.

Hugh Lovatt, an expert on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at the European Council on Foreign Relations, said Israel's killing of multiple senior Hamas figures over the past months cleared the way for Sinwar. "Two weeks ago, few would have expected Sinwar to be the group's next leader despite the strong influence he exerts from Gaza," he said. □

## U.S. imposes sanctions on Paraguayan cigarette producer for allegedly enriching the former president

**ASUNCIÓN, Paraguay (AP)** — The Biden administration on Tuesday imposed sanctions on a Paraguayan tobacco company for allegedly enriching the country's controversial former president, a cigarette tycoon sanctioned last year by the White House for corruption.

The U.S. Treasury Department said it was targeting cigarette producer Tabacalera del Este over its links to Horacio Cartes, one of the Paraguay's richest men who served as president from 2013 to 2018 and still wields significant political power in the country. Paraguay's current president, Santiago Peña, is a political protégé of Cartes who also hails from the dominant conservative Colorado party.

Citing a "concerted pattern of corruption," the Treasury Department last year sanctioned Cartes over accusations that he had paid millions of dollars in bribes to lawmakers to pave his way to power and that he had cultivated ties to Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group, which is believed to operate in the porous Triple Frontier where Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay meet.

At the time, the Treasury also designated four companies controlled by Cartes that spanned the Paraguayan economy's main sectors, including cattle ranching, tobacco and consumer goods.

Cartes has dismissed the corruption allegations as politically motivated. There was no immediate response from the Tabacalera del Este tobacco company. The phone numbers on the company website were disconnected. □



**Former President Horacio Cartes covers himself with a flag of the ruling, Colorado party after the polls closed during the general election in Asuncion, Paraguay, April 30, 2023.**

**Associated Press**



# Brazil, Colombia and Mexico in talks with Venezuelan government and opposition on election crisis

By **E. EDUARDO CASTILLO**  
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**CANO Associated Press**  
**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Since Venezuela's disputed presidential election nine days ago, officials from Brazil, Colombia and Mexico have been in constant contact with representatives of both Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and opposition candidate Edmundo González, seeking a solution to the country's political crisis.

The three nations, whose current leftist presidents are Maduro allies, are holding conversations with both sides, a senior Mexican official who has been part of the discussions told The Associated Press. The official declined to characterize that as formal mediation.

The three countries are recommending that the government and the opposition follow Venezuelan laws and appear before the appropriate institutions to appeal any part of the process, the official said. That recommendation, however, is a tall ask for the opposition, because Venezuela's ruling party controls every aspect of government, including the justice



**Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro speaks during a press conference at the Miraflores presidential palace, in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, Aug. 2, 2024.**

**Associated Press**

system, and uses it to defeat and repress real and perceived opponents. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the contacts and declined to identify the Venezuelan government and opposition representatives participating in the discussions. The official also would not say whether González's team has signaled its willingness to formally appeal

the results of the July 28 election. Unlike many other nations that have either recognized Maduro or González as the winner, the governments of Brazil, Colombia and Mexico have taken a more neutral stance by neither rejecting nor applauding when Venezuela's electoral authorities declared Maduro the winner at the ballot box.

In a joint statement last week, the three countries called on Venezuela's electoral body to release tens of thousands of vote tally sheets, considered the ultimate proof of results. "The fundamental principle of popular sovereignty must be respected through impartial verification of the results," President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva of Brazil, President Gustavo Petro of

Colombia and President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador of Mexico said in their statement.

The Mexican official told the AP that the three have not ruled out an in-person meeting with Maduro.

Millions of Venezuelans headed to the polls on July 28 some even held vigil at their voting center for the highly anticipated election that by all accounts was the toughest electoral challenge Maduro and his ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela had faced in decades.

The National Electoral Council then proclaimed Maduro the winner without releasing any detailed figures as it had done in the past.

Roughly 12 hours after results were announced, thousands of Venezuelans across the country took to the streets to protest the results and were met with brutal government repression.

The electoral council says Maduro had earned 6.4 million votes while González, who represented the Unitary Platform opposition coalition, garnered 5.3 million. □

# More than 120 people died in Tokyo from heatstroke in July as average temperatures hit record highs

By **MARI YAMAGUCHI**  
**Associated Press**

**TOKYO (AP)** — More than 120 people died of heatstroke in the Tokyo metro-

politan area in July, when the nation's average temperature hit record highs and heat warnings were in effect much of the month,



**Pedestrian holding parasols stand under an intense sun at Ginza shopping street in Tokyo, on July 8, 2024.**

**Associated Press**

Japanese authorities said Tuesday.

According to the Tokyo Medical Examiner's Office, many of the 123 people who died were elderly. All but two were found dead indoors, and most were not using air conditioners despite having them installed. Japanese health authorities and weather forecasters repeatedly advised people to stay indoors, consume ample liquids to avoid dehydration and use air conditioning, because elderly people often think that air conditioning is not good for one's health and tend to avoid using it.

It was the largest number of heatstroke deaths in Tokyo's 23 metropolitan

districts in July since 127 deaths were recorded during a 2018 heatwave, the medical examiner's office said.

More than 37,000 people were treated at hospitals for heatstroke across Japan from July 1 to July 28, according to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency.

The average temperature in July was 2.16 degrees Celsius (3.89 degrees Fahrenheit) higher than the average over the past 30 years, making it the hottest July since the Japan Meteorological Agency began keeping records in 1898.

On Tuesday, heatstroke warnings were in place in much of Tokyo and western

Japan. The temperature rose to about 34 C (93 F) in downtown Tokyo, where many people carried parasols or handheld fans.

"I feel every year the hot period is getting longer," said Hidehiro Takano from Kyoto.

"I have the aircon on all the time, including while I'm sleeping. I try not to go outside."

Maxime Picavet, a French tourist, showed a portable fan he bought in Tokyo. "It works very, very well," he said. "With this temperature, it's a necessity."

The meteorological agency predicted more heat in August, with temperatures of 35 C (95 F) or higher. □





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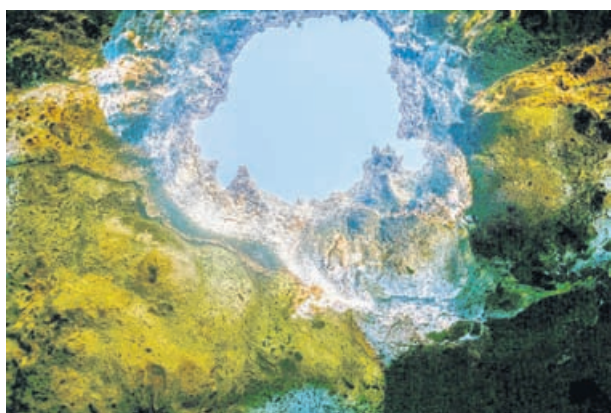
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## Today is going to be a good day

(Oranjestad)—Here's why: Aruba Today collected some things to do **BEYOND** the beach. Yes, we know. Aruba, located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, is home to beautiful white-sand beaches, 82-degree days, and thus ideal for the perfect beach day. But we are also blessed with some of the warmest people in the world and our island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across, with a total area of 70 square miles. Bit more to discover than the white stretch on the coastline we say. Let's mention some of these hidden gems.

### Nature Calls



The Arikok National park is worth the ride. We love the hikes that are guided by the park's rangers whose job is to maintain trails and protect natural resources. The flora and fauna are beautiful and the historical sites tell you about the island's indigenous roots. The guided tours are even free of charge. If you are not up to walking, you can drive through the park, one way or another this park is a great place to spend an entire day. Cruising through the landscape you end up at some of the most stunning beaches like Dos Playa or Daimara Beach. In Total the park consists of 7907 acres protected nature with a richness of animals living in it. The Aruban whiptail lizard (cododo), Aruban cat eye snake (santanero) and endangered rattle snake (cascabel) are just some of them, you can also admire these close in the park's Visitors' Center. For more information, visit the website [www.arubanationalpark.org](http://www.arubanationalpark.org)

### Philip's Animal Garden

To stay with the animals, let's hop to an amazing place. Something different to do, an experience that is to be enjoyed by people of all ages. Welcome to Philip's Animal Garden. We are not talking about a zoo here, this is actually a sanctuary for all types of creatures, from horses to peacocks, kangaroos to turtles, monkeys, goats, and many, many more different species. The place was founded in 2009 and it is the only organization rescuing and rehabilitating exotic animals in Aruba, which has resulted



in an amazing collection of these animals. They provide a suitable living environment for all the rescued animals. Up until now the owner, Philip, has built this shelter with his own efforts; building all the cages from scratch, designing all structures and welding them with his own bare hands. His goal is to upgrade the facilities to a world-class animal shelter with veterinary care and round-the-clock staffs. With the input from the Aruban community and visitors they provide the best care for these animals. Please check out their website for more information: [www.philipsanimalgarden.com](http://www.philipsanimalgarden.com).

### The Lighthouse

No, you would not think of this as a hidden gem. The California Lighthouse is actually one of the most known highlights in Aruba and many repeated guests most probably took the ride uphill already. But, there is a significant change to this tower. Since September 2016 you can climb the top. In 2015 Stichting Monumentenfonds started the restoration of the California Lighthouse. The project finished in September 2016 and the Lighthouse is now open for visitors to enjoy the beautiful view from the top. The construction of the California Lighthouse started in 1915. The name 'California' came from a vessel of the West India Company and Pacific Steamship Co. called 'California' that shipwrecked in the area in 1891. Therefore they came up with the idea of building a lighthouse that could indicate the island's eastern tip to ships with its light. [www.arubalighthouse.com](http://www.arubalighthouse.com) will give you more information.

### Kayak in the Mangroves



Mangel Halto at Savaneta is definitely a place not to miss out on. The beautiful beach with the natural mangroves is simply a beauty, but if you are into a more active way to enjoy the nature: take a kayak. While you are doing some work-out -as it might get a little windy and rough-, you will see the island from a different perspective. You can even make a stop to do some snorkeling at the reef. Its fun, it's healthy and for sure something else. There are several companies that offer kayak tours, we had good experience with The Shack Kayak Tours Aruba, find them on Facebook.

### Take an "off-road" sightseeing tour



A must-do activity on the island is for sure taking an off-road sightseeing tour. If you have a rented car, you can drive through the north-eastern side of Aruba and explore the natural pools, caves, rock formations and gorgeous view of the Atlantic Ocean. To access most of these sights, like the natural pool (Conchi) and the Guadirikiri and Fontein caves, you must enter through the Arikok National Park and buy a day pass. Then you drive up the rugged road that leads you through the white dunes, caves and along the wind turbines. Other locations, like the Ayo and Casibari Rock formation are situated more in the center of the island, and are free for guests, 24 hours a day.

### Go for a shopping spree in the city center

Need a new bathing suit? Head to the city center of Oranjestad, where there is countless of different stores—both high end and more affordable—that can offer you the service you deserve! Local shopping stores often offer a more affordable price, and have a variety of clothes, shoes, bathing suites, purses and more. Along the Royal Plaza strip, there are numerous jewelry stores with great quality jewelry. In the Renaissance mall, you can shop high-end luxury brands, like Dolce & Gabbana, Kate Spade, Louis Vuitton and more. Around the high-rise hotel area near Palm Beach, the Paseo Herencia Mall contain a variety of shopping stores, restaurants, small food stands and even a movie theater! □



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## How Aruban beaches came to be!

(Oranjestad)—We've talked about the best beaches to visit on the island before, but have you ever wondered how Aruba got its white, sandy beaches, and why there's a clear difference between

the northern and southern shores? Here are some fun facts about the development of Aruban beaches.

How did Aruba get its white, sandy beaches?

Aruba's beaches have developed over the span of thousands of years. Waves crashing on the rocky formations along our coast line (which consists mainly of coral reefs) have started to wear and tear the reefs over time, resulting in its gradual breakdown. Fish that feed off corals also contribute to this, one small bite at a time. Over the course of thousands of years, as waves continue to crash and fish continue to eat off the corals, sand starts to accumulate around the area. However, whether the sand stays there is another question to be answered, and this is where we high-

light the biggest difference between the northern and southern coast of the island. The sand that accumulates around a torn coral reef is swept away along with the debris by the ocean stream. However, in areas where it's shallow and the stream is weaker, the sand tends to stick to the bottom faster. This is why the beaches in the south—the areas with weaker stream and shallower ocean floors—has sand that stretches for miles. In contrast, the northern area, where the stream is much stronger and the ocean floor is much deeper, there is no sand present—they were swept away

with the current!  
**Why north deep, but south shallow?**  
Ah! Good question...and interesting phrasing.

Aruba is a continental island. The island actually forms part of South America, and the space between Aruba and the South American continent is simply referred to as land that runs under the ocean. This is why it gets gradually deeper in the south, whereas the ocean floor in the north runs steeply to the bottom. □

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## The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors on the island

Recently, Ms. Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure to honor a Loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba at their home away from home.

### The honorees:

Roland and Donna Lacerte as Goodwill Ambassadors from New Hampshire

The symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-

20-35 and more consecutive years.

Ms. Marouska Heyliger thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years together with the members of Divi Tamarijn

### Top reason for returning provided by the honorees were:

The people of the island, the wonderful weather and warm beautiful beach of Aruba and safety. □



## The Bali Restaurant: a touristic hot spot and lost gem on the island

(Oranjestad)—Once located in what is now the Renaissance Marina, the Bali Restaurant was once both a touristic and local hot spot, and nowadays it's considered a forgotten gem on the island.

Known as "the floating restaurant", Bali first opened in 1955 by Willem "Bill" Strijland, who had experience in Javanese cuisine. At the time, the restaurant was pretty exclusive—with space to host only 25 guests. Yet, 4 years later, it was named the best restaurant in the Caribbean

by the Caribbean Tourist Association.

The restaurant was probably most iconic for its Javanese-inspired exterior with its pointy, slanted roofs. However, the first version of Bali did not look like that at all but was still considered as one of the most popular restaurants on the island at the time. The restaurant saw three different owners during its existence, during which it underwent various renovations and rebranding.

In 1964, the restaurant was



taken over by Karel "Carl" Schmand. Over the years, the restaurant needed constant renovation and repair, mainly due to its vul-

nerability to leaks and the unstable pillars underneath the foundation. However, the biggest change made to the restaurant happened in the year 1970—still under the ownership of Schmand, when it got its iconic pointy roofs. The restaurant was also expanded to host a total of 85 guests. This was "The New Bali", who had its official (re)opening in 1972.

After 1972, when Ronny Schmand took over, the restaurant saw yet another expansion; this time complete with a long bar and dance floor, where guests enjoyed live music from

legendary Aruban musician and composer, Toti Arends.

After 1989, the restaurant was again handed over to other owners, and since then suffered from unstable pillars underneath the foundation, resulting in various leaks and overflowing of water into the restaurant. And as most great things come to an end, so did the survival and maintenance of the Bali Restaurant. However, folks today still reminisce its legacy, and it's now considered a lost monument.

Be apart of the conversation: if you or any family member of yours have a memory of the Bali restaurant, whether it be a picture or just a story, share it with us! We would love to see this legendary hot spot through the lens of our visitors! □

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## The rise of San Nicolas

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It all started in 1879 when the Aruba Phosphate Company was founded (see "Island Insight" episode XLI-41), way before the establishment of the oil industry when Aruba became the colony's most important source of income. In other words, Aruba was the colony's cash cow.

Back then, due to the extensive use of American agricultural lands, the soil nutrients were largely depleted, and farmers began to look for better fertilizers. It was then that the Aruba Phosphaat Maatschappij (Dutch name) became an important source of income for our island. Since money circulation had always been scarce on the island, the new industry had to put its own currency into circulation. Workers who earn their living elsewhere sent their wages in gold to the island. Before the arrival of the Aruba Phosphaat Maatschappij, there was practically no San Nicolas; the few fishermen's cabins assembled there could not yet pretend the villages' name, but soon the small group of houses began rapidly to expand. To transport the guano to the port, a six-kilometer-long railway was built, from where it was shipped to the United States, England, France, and Germany to be processed in order to obtain a superphosphate to fertilize agricultural land. During that time is also when the Cero Colorado lighthouse was built. The prosperity of Aruba was becoming evident, and a new village bit by bit rose from the ground.



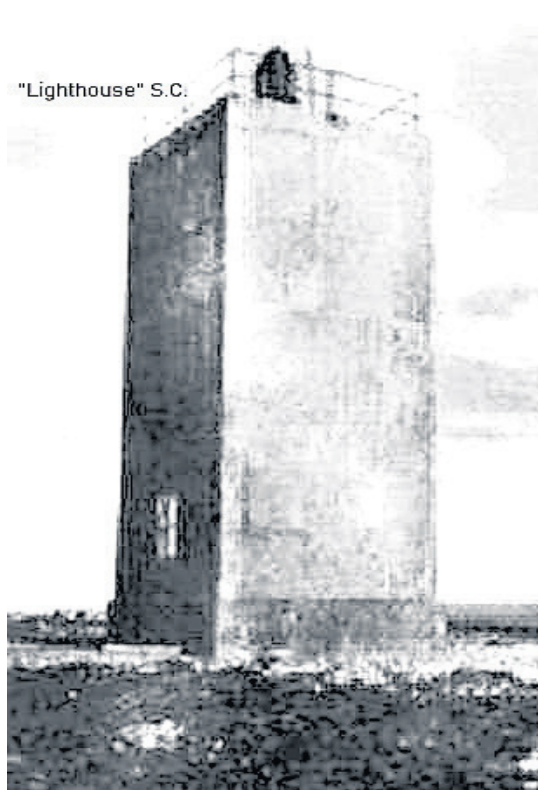
The oral tradition tells us three different theories of the origin of the name this village received, and all were related to Nicolas Croes van der Biest, a local landowner.

In those days, it was customary for workers to address their bosses by "Shon," meaning "sir," that was preceded by their first names, so Mr. Van der Biest was always called "Shon Nicolas," which later became "San Nicolas." Another version claims that the name San Nicolas arose from the date of transfer of land that Nicolas van der Biest had received from the government, which was the fifth of December, Saint Nicholas Day, but there is no written document to support this claim. While a third version claims that since Nicolas van der Biest lived in a large residence called "Cas Blanco," meaning "White House," he became popularly known as "Shon Nicolas" and referred to the same name to him out of respect.

The traffic between Oranjestad and San Nicolas was beginning to be constant, but heavy rains constantly damaged the road, causing the connection between the two small towns to be interrupted invariably near Savaneta; however, a few years later the road was "fully suitable for vehicles."

When the phosphate company began to operate, it was difficult to find "local labors" due to the rival industry at that time, which was the mining of gold. Therefore, they brought forty men from our sister island Bonaire and approximately twenty bricklayers and carpenters from the bigger island of Curacao. The workers stayed in the phosphate mines neighborhood all week and slept in barracks that were provided by the company.

The harbor, situated on the leeward side of the island, was protected by the coral reef and was quite safe. Just getting in and out of it was difficult, but the company always had its own pilot and also its own tugboat to move the sailing ships that came to load up the phosphate into the harbor basin. Due to unfavorable results that threatened to worsen after WWII, Aruba Phosphaat Maatschappij ceased its activities in August 1914.



If you liked our native stories and are interested in learning the true identity of Aruba, a visit to Etnia Nativa would be a fantastic choice. It has been a trend setter since 1994, as a co-founder of projects such as Arikok National Park, the Archaeological Museum, and the Artisan Foundation, among others. Every week, this newspaper continues to share its valuable knowledge. Don't miss the opportunity to feel the island's spirit through learning real stories that are not just remembered; they resonate, they're felt, and they stir souls. Book your visit: WhatsApp +297 592 2702 etnianativa03@gmail.com



## Keeping up with the conniving spider... Nanzi fools Cha Tiger

Many years ago, Cha\* Tiger did not live in the mondi\*, but among civil society. Back then, he was feared by everyone. When he walked past in a halfway, everyone around would make room immediately, that's how ferocious he was.

One night a group of friends was hanging out and they were talking about Cha Tiger. "You know, that tiger sure is incredibly strong and I don't trust him one bit. He probably eats a lot too. Oh, I'm so scared of him!" one person said.

"Oh, don't be stupid! What can Cha Tiger do? He's all bark and no bite, that's it. I certainly am not afraid of him. I bet you guys that I could even sit on his back like I would any donkey." It was Nanzi who said this. The people around him laughed at his remarks, thinking how silly it was for him to say such things.

"You, Nanzi? You are such a liar! He'll stomp you into next Tuesday, stop saying such nonsense."

"I'm not lying!" Nanzi defended himself. "He'll take me all the way to Shon Arei\*."

The next morning, Shon Arei already knew of what Nanzi had

been saying about Cha Tiger. He was really curious to see if Nanzi was brave enough to put his money where his mouth is. Cha Tiger walked past.

"Hey, Cha Tiger!" someone called to him. He growled at the person. "Hey, Cha Tiger! Listen!"

"Nanzi made fun of you, said he wasn't afraid of you at all! Said he could sit on your back and that you weren't as strong as we think you are."

Cha Tiger stopped dead in his tracks, furious. "Well, I'll set him straight!" Cha Tiger ran toward Nanzi's house, prepared to teach Nanzi a painful lesson. The entire way there he was growling and yelling, making everyone around aware what was going to happen. They all ran inside and peaked through the blinds to see the fight that was going to unfold.

Nanzi also heard Cha Tiger's screams, slowly getting closer and closer. He was terrified. His face turned pale, and his teeth started chattering like someone with a high fever. Sweat was dripping down his forehead.

When Cha Tiger arrived at Nanzi's place, he stormed in and saw Nanzi's frail body lying face down in the corner. "Hey, how are you,



Cha Tiger?" Nanzi asked, his voice trembling. "I Heard you were making fun of me in front of your little friends, so I came to hear from your own mouth what you have to say to me," Cha Tiger retorted, still fuming.

"Me? Talk bad about you?" Nanzi chuckled nervously. "People are such liars, I swear. Can't you see how sick I am here?" Nanzi took a pause, like someone who couldn't breathe properly. In his case of course, it was probably from extreme fear. "Shi Maria\* wanted to take me to Shon Arei, where someone can heal me from my illness." Still wrapped up in his act, Nanzi turned back face down. "Me, a father of nine little children..." Cha Tiger was shocked. Nanzi looked absolutely terrible, God knows he was dying.

"Cha Tiger, you're strong. Could you put me on your back and take me to Shon Arei, I can barely walk," Nanzi pleaded. Cha Tiger took pity on the spider and agreed to do this favor. Nanzi climbed on the tiger's back, letting his body fall down and grabbing on to Cha Tiger's neck. "Would you mind putting a rope in your mouth so I can hold on? That way I can sit up straight," Nanzi asked. Cha Tiger growled in reluctance but said OK. And so they made their way to Shon Arei.

Once they started traveling through the mondi, Nanzi turned to Cha Tiger and said: "These mosquitos are so annoying! Cha Tiger, do you mind if I cut a piece of branch so I can keep these mosquitos away?" Cha Tiger let him take his branch.

Eventually they made it out the mondi to where everyone else was. Nanzi immediately perked up and whacked Cha Tiger with his branch, making the tiger jump. He ran all the way to Shon Arei's castle. Exhausted, he plumped down in front of His Majesty.

"See, Shon Arei? Cha Tiger ain't nothing but a big donkey!" Nanzi said proudly. Everyone around cheered: "Hurray, Nanzi!" Poor Cha Tiger was so embarrassed that he was fooled by the conniving spider, and so he ran into the mondi to hide. To this day, it's said that the tiger still hides away in the mondi.

Cha: Nickname placed in front of someone's name and can mean anything, like friend. However, it often has negative connotations first. Mondi: dry wooded areas found on the ABC islands.

Shon Arei: The King

Shi Maria: Nanzi's wife. □

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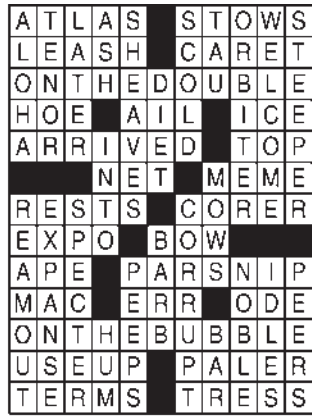
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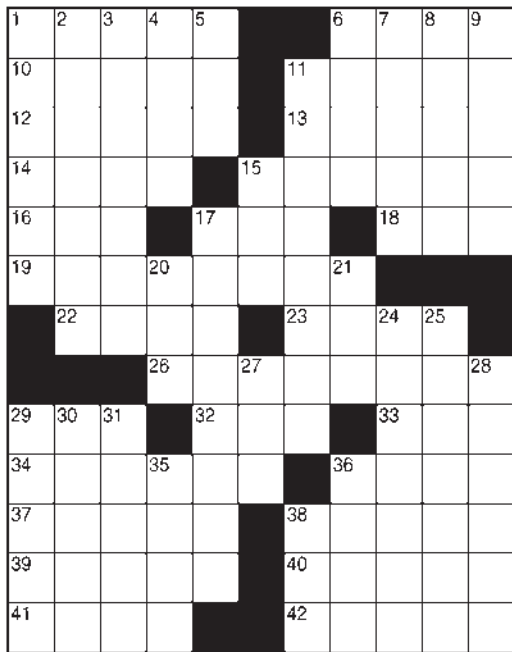
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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

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Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Safety

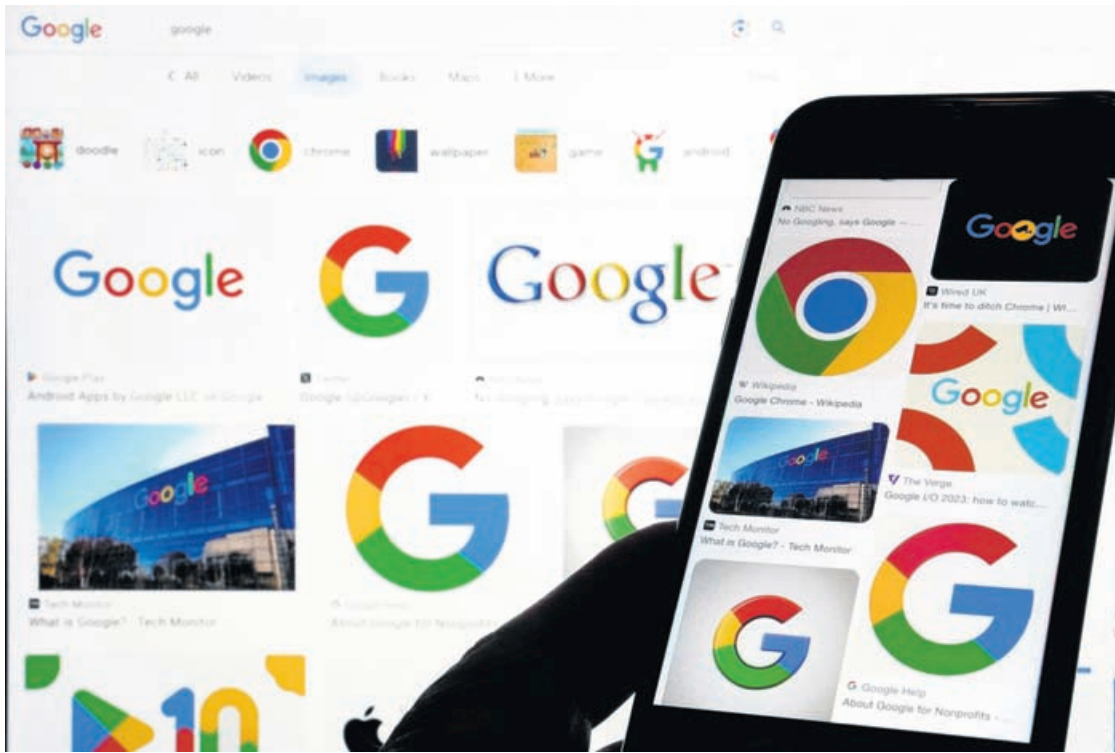


Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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# A judge has branded Google a monopolist, but AI may bring about quicker change in internet search



Various Google logos are displayed on a Google search, Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, in New York. Associated Press

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**  
**AP Technology Writer**  
**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A federal judge has branded Google as a ruthless monopolist bent on suffocating its competitors. But how do you go about creating alternatives to a search engine that's synonymous with internet exploration? It's a process that may take years to unfold as Google appeals the landmark decision issued Monday by U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta. And with that kind of time frame looming, the forces of technological upheaval may make the exercise

moot. The rise of artificial intelligence may reshape the landscape more quickly and profoundly than any judge ever could. The way consumers navigate the internet is more likely to be affected by advances in AI products such as OpenAI's ChatGPT and Google's own Gemini before a nearly 4-year-old case brought by the U.S. Justice Department is finally resolved. Even so, Mehta's 277-page ruling Monday creates challenges for Google that company founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin probably didn't envision when they set out to revolution-

ize internet search while attending Stanford University as graduate students. They eventually dropped out to start a Silicon Valley company in 1998 that adopted

"Don't Be Evil" as a motto that also was meant to serve as its corporate conscience.

Page and Brin, who remain the controlling shareholders of Google's corporate parent Alphabet Inc., also cast their cuddly startup as a crusader for technology that would be far better than the products coming out of Microsoft, the industry's reigning kingpin at the time. □



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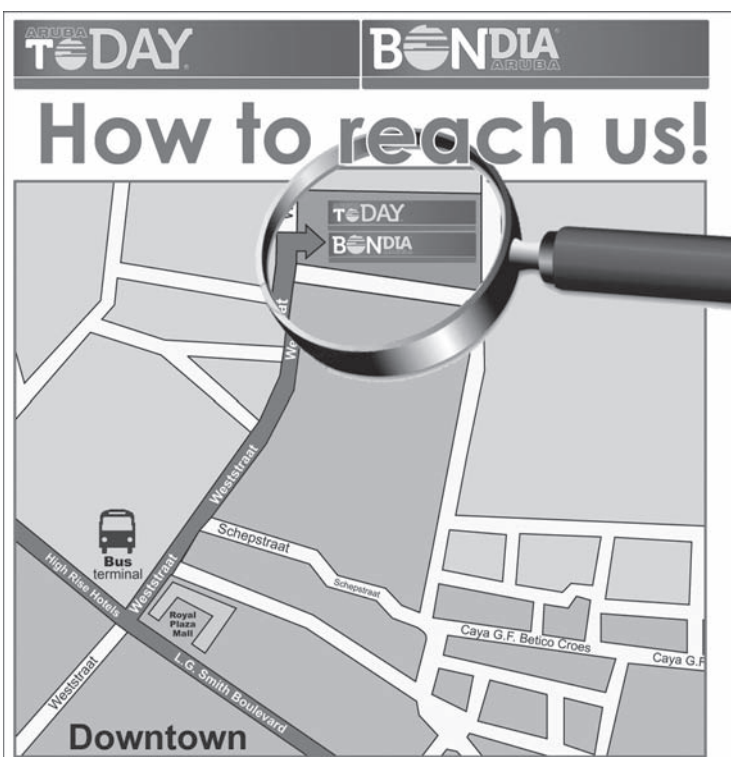
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# Snoop Dogg has exploded on the Olympics' global stage. He's just being himself

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.  
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**PARIS (AP)** — Snoop Dogg steps out of a sleek black SUV, his entourage in tow, as a Parisian crowd erupts into chants of "Snoop, Snoop, Snoop!" outside the NBC set.

Decked out in a custom-made, Noah Lyles-themed USA sweatsuit, the ultra-smooth entertainer glides past the adoring fans with flashing phone cameras into the Musee de l'Homme. Inside, his long-time friend Martha Stewart greets him with a hug. They chat, clink champagne glasses and then he "crip walks" onto the set to film a Sunday night segment.

OK, the show can start Snoop has arrived. Literally. At the Paris Games, grand entrances have become the norm in Snoop's spectacular Olympic life.

"When the lights are on, that's when I shine the best," he told The Associated Press after returning from watching Lyles' historic victory in the 100-meter sprint and filming a prime-time segment with Mike Tirico and Stewart, a surprise guest.

"This opportunity was nothing but a chance for me to show the world what it's supposed to look like when you put the right person in the right environment," Snoop said.

Snoop, 52, has become



**Snoop Dogg thumbs up as he watches the dressage team Grand Prix final at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, in Versailles, France.**

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the star of the Paris Games, ascending to new heights with several memorable moments. He's carried the Olympic torch, captivated audiences as NBC's prime-time correspondent, swam with Michael Phelps, attended a U.S. women's soccer game with Megan Rapinoe, danced with Simone Biles and Jordan Chiles, and cheered on Caeleb Dressel alongside the swimmer's wife and son.

The rap icon is currently in his comfort zone. And sleep? Even that's having a hard time catching up with the on-the-go multihyphenate entertainer.

"It's more about relaxing rather than sleeping because I'm having so much fun," he said. "This ain't the town to sleep in. This ain't the time to sleep. This is time to be on it like you want it. It's different events happening day and night. I want to be active with everything, because I love the American athletes and competition. This is what I'm here for."

Stewart said she's extremely proud of how Snoop is successfully taking on the challenge. She was impressed by his ability to genuinely connect with Olympians and their family members.

"I think he's done an amazing job for the Olympics," said Stewart, who attended a equestrian team dressage event with Snoop on her 83rd birthday Saturday. For the horseback riding competition, the duo wore matching helmets, black jackets and white pants.

"This is the celebration of the finest athleticism ever in the world and he has made it so accessible to everybody," she continued. "That's his talent. Everybody loves him."

Snoop also has the Games' most in-demand souvenir: A Snoop Dogg pin, which shows him wearing a blue

top while exhaling rings colored the same as the Olympics logo. He's gifted one to tennis star Coco Gauff, but passed on offering more details for now on how to obtain more saying, "I'm going to be honest with you. I have zero answers for that."

Meanwhile, Snoop has mastered the art of being himself in front of the television camera even for a global audience. He initially went into his correspondent assignment, thinking NBC wanted more "buttoned-up" commentary from him until network executives encouraged him to be his authentic self especially after seeing his in-person potential during the U.S. Olympic trials.

At the trials, Snoop had done casual on-video interviews with a few Olympians about their sports, including women's basketball player A'ja Wilson, gymnast Sunisa Lee, skateboarder Jagger Eaton and beach volleyball players Sara Hughes and Kelly Cheng. He met with Lyles and participated in a 200-meter race clocking in at 34.44 seconds with NBC analyst and former Trinidadian track star Ato Boldon and former U.S. national champion Wallace Spearmon.

"This is what I do. I do it every day," said the rapper, who had already become a fan favorite during the To-

kyo Games, when he and Kevin Hart did in-studio commentary for Peacock in which he called a "layup drill."

"That's why it's not hard for me," he said. "It's not like an act. The bits that we do. They're comfortable. They're not stretched or forced. It's me being me."

Snoop's presence in Paris is part of NBC's bet to boost ratings by infusing coverage with pop culture. So far, the U.S. broadcaster's strategy has worked, combined with the star power from U.S. Olympians such as Biles, Katie Ledecky and Sha'Carri Richardson. □



**This image released by FOX News Books shows "Black Saturday" by Trey Yingst.**  
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## Fox News correspondent Trey Yingst has book out this fall on Oct. 7 Hamas invasion of Israel

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The chief foreign correspondent for Fox News, Trey Yingst, will have a book out this fall timed to the first anniversary of the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks in Israel.

"Black Saturday" will be published Oct. 1 by Fox News Books, a HarperCollins imprint. According to the publisher, Yingst will offer "a vivid picture of horrors and violence, matched by acts of courage and humanity that cut through the darkness on the morning of October 7th."

Yingst said in a statement Tuesday that he

and his colleagues "arrived in southern Israel on the morning of October 7th as the massacre was unfolding."

"'Black Saturday' plunges the reader into that day while exposing the realities of war told by Israelis and Palestinians," he added.

Yingst, 30, has covered conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East since joining Fox in 2018. He received widespread attention for his reporting on Oct. 7, during which a Hamas rocket landed 100 feet (30 meters) from him. □





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## Sophia Smith's extra-time goal sends USWNT into the Olympic final with a 1-0 win over Germany

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Soccer Writer

LYON, France (AP) —

Glimpsing a sliver of the net, Sophia Smith's aim was true.

Smith's extra-time goal earned the United States a spot in the gold medal match at the Paris Olympics with a 1-0 semifinal victory over Germany on Tuesday.

The Americans, undefeated in France under new coach Emma Hayes, will be vying for their fifth gold medal in their sixth appearance in the Olympic women's soccer final.

The United States will play the winner of Tuesday's later game between Brazil and Spain on Saturday in Paris. Germany will play in the bronze medal match on Friday at Lyon.

Smith broke the scoreless stalemate five minutes into extra time, out maneuvering defender Felicitas Rauch and German goalkeeper Ann-Katrin Berger. After scoring her third goal



United States' Sophia Smith celebrates with team mates the opening goal during a women's semifinal soccer match between the United States and Germany at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, at Lyon Stadium in Decines, France.

of the tournament, Smith fell to the ground in celebration and joined in an embrace with teammate Mallory Swanson.

"I saw like a little opening of net and I was just like,

"I've got to put it there. Just put it there," Smith said. "It was a good feeling. I know I had a few other chances this game that I should have put away. But sometimes one is all it takes."

At the final whistle, the U.S. players ran downfield to embrace goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher, who made a key save when she jumped and kicked the ball away from the goal with her left

foot in the waning moments of the second extra period.

"The goal is closer but the job's not done yet," Swanson said. "I think that obviously we're in a great position. You take this win and we're on a high right now, but it's important just to stay steady with everything we're doing. Just stay steady."

The Americans had routed Germany 4-1 in the group stage earlier in the tournament.

The United States had missed out on the finals at the last two Olympic tournaments, eliminated in the quarterfinals in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro and relegated to the bronze-medal match at the Tokyo Games three years ago.

Germany was missing veteran captain Alexandra Popp because of an illness. Popp was the only current German player who was also on the squad that won the gold medal in 2016. □

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## Harvard graduate Gabby Thomas sprints to 200-meter gold medal for the United States by a big margin

SAINT-DENIS, France (AP) — Gabby Thomas sped to the victory in the women's 200 meters at the 2024 Olympics on Tuesday night, finishing in 21.83 seconds to add a gold to the bronze she took home in the event from Tokyo three years ago.

The 27-year-old Harvard graduate, who has a Masters in public health, took the lead for good at the curve and was never challenged in the final stretch. She let out a shout and grabbed her head with both hands after crossing the line.

Thomas beat 100-meter champion Julien Alfred of St. Lucia by 0.25 seconds, while Brittany Brown of the U.S. got the bronze, 0.02 seconds in front of Dina Asher-Smith of Britain, who was just another hundredth of a second ahead of teammate Daryll Neita. Out of three sprints so far on the purple track at Stade de France, the Americans have picked up two golds: Thomas followed Noah Lyles in the men's 100 to the top step of the podium.

After she earned her degree at Harvard in neurobiology and global health, Thomas enrolled at the University of Texas, where she studied sleep patterns of different ethnic groups while also making the wise choice to double down on her track training.

That paid off big-time in front of a packed house Tuesday, when she came in as a favorite, especially after reigning world champion Shericka Jackson of Jamaica dropped out because of an apparent injury. □



Gabrielle Thomas, of the United States, celebrates after winning the women's 200-meter final at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, in Saint-Denis, France.

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## Olympics give athletes a chance to win gold - and also cash in on their short time in spotlight

By JENNA FRYER  
AP National Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — Noah Lyles wasted no time. After winning the 100 meters at the Paris Olympics, he promptly declared what he wanted the most as the newly anointed Fastest Man Alive. “I want my own shoe,” he said. “I want my own trainer. I’m dead serious. I want a sneaker. There ain’t no money in spikes, there’s money in sneakers. I feel like for how many medals we bring back and the notoriety we get, the fact that hasn’t happened, that’s crazy for me. I feel like that needs to happen.”

Athletes come to the Olympics seeking gold medals, but for some, there are more lucrative prizes at stake. The two-week competition provides a global stage for competitors to be noticed and potentially cash in and extend their 15 minutes of fame.

Few outside of gymnastics had ever heard of Stephen Nedoroscik before the Paris Games. After helping the U.S. men to their first team competition medal in 16 years, the bespectacled “Pommel Horse Guy” should have eyeglass maker Warby Parker banging on his door.

American runner Kendall Ellis found herself stuck in a porta potty at the U.S. track trials, and she landed a sponsorship deal with toilet paper maker Charmin. “It was just the perfect fit,” Ellis said.

French pole vaulter Anthony Ammirati found offers coming his way granted, from porn company CamSoda after he was eliminated from the Paris Olympics because he couldn’t clear the bar. The reason? It had



**Gold medalist, Noah Lyles, of the United States, poses on the podium after the men's 100-meter final at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Monday, Aug. 5, 2024, in Saint-Denis, France.**

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gotten stuck on his crotch and knocked down, resulting in a 12th-place finish. The agent for American rugby player Ilona Maher can barely catch her breath in Paris, where Maher has boosted her initial popularity from three years ago at the Tokyo Games all the way to bona fide stardom. Maher’s savvy use of social media attracted attention in Tokyo but is now at a global level she has nearly 5.5 million followers across her social media accounts and almost 121 million likes across all her TikToks and has cultivated a brand.

“A lot of people see her popping off right now and having this viral moment, but we’ve been working really strategically to be able to position her to have a lightning in a bottle moment,” said agent Rheann Engelke of Range Sports. A tracking service found that Maher saw a 257% in-

crease in Instagram followers from June 30 to July 30, as she led the United States to its first medal, a bronze, in rugby sevens.

With her crowning athletic achievement and burgeoning fame, the offers began pouring in. Maher’s platform is focused on body positivity, women empowerment, promoting rugby and encouraging young girls to play sports, but her sharp sense of humor and social media use has brought in dozens of opportunities including some in the entertainment space.

“What’s really special about Ilona is going into this Olympic moment, she knew exactly who she was, she knew what her message was and she knew the kind of brands she wanted to align with,” Engelke said. “We can take the process a little slow and really look at who is aligned with her, who is the right brand part-

ner. It’s certainly hectic right now, but we will be somewhat strategic and slow because it is vitally important for Ilona being exactly who she is.”

T. Bettina Cornwell, the Philip H. Knight Chair at the University of Oregon and head of the department of marketing, believes an athlete must go beyond building a social media platform to have real staying power. The big deals go to Simone Biles, Katie Ledecky, or retired swimmer Michael Phelps. The athletes from lesser known sports must understand the audience.

“An athlete captures an audience at the intersection of sport performance and a life story. This is not to say that top performing athletes cannot have top follower numbers on social media, but to truly capture the heart of an audience, storytelling is essential,” Cornwell said. “The more relatable an athlete is

as a person, the more the audience will enjoy their unrelatable elite athletic performance ‘I don’t know how she does it, but I love watching her!’”

But the world today is fickle and meme-driven, said John Baick, a professor of history at Western New England University, who noted there’s no way to predict how the audience will react to any athlete or viral moment. In the case of Nedoroscik, he was trending before he had even gotten onto the pommel horse for his calm demeanor or as he silently sat and waited, Clark Kent-style, wearing his glasses.

“In our age of memes, it is your look, it is your glasses, it is your character, and there’s no way of knowing in advance what’s going to attract people. Will people make fun of him for that? Or will people find it endearing?” Baick said. “This is where one person on Instagram can change someone’s fate. And if that one person is liked enough, and we are definitely in a meme culture, the case for a bronze medal for someone quirky is ultimately going to be worth more than a gold medal for someone in a sport no one cares about.” There is an ability for athletes to attract corporate sponsorship outside of the Olympics, and in some cases, even before they’ve reached the elite level.

Raynald Aeschlimann, the president and CEO of Omega, said the company that serves as the official timekeeper of the Olympics does the same for the Youth Olympic Games, “so the stars of the future are never far from our attention.” □